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No cholera in Manila—Epidemic decreasing in the islands.

No cases of cholera have made their appearance in Manila since March 25, 1903. Throughout the islands the disease is steadily decreasing.

Quarantine transactions in the Philippine Islands during the month of March, 1903.

PORT OF MANILA.

Bills of health issued:	
To United States ports	4
To foreign ports	61
To domestic ports	369
Total	434
Number of vessels inspected:	
From foreign ports	71
From domestic ports	387
Total	458
Number of passengers on arriving boats inspected:	
Cabin	1,839
Steerage	8,485
Total	10,324
Crews of arriving boats inspected	13,341
Persons quarantined for observation, suspects, and contacts	0
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	903
Persons vaccinated:	
Crew	42
Passengers	0
Total	42
Vessels disinfected	5
Vessels remaining in quarantine March 31	0
Pieces of baggage disinfected	3,664
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed	980

PORT OF CEBU.

Bills of health issued:	
To United States ports	0
To foreign ports	4
To domestic ports	137
Total	141
Number of vessels inspected:	
From foreign ports	12
From domestic ports	152
Total	164
Number of passengers inspected:	
Cabin	185
Steerage	1,203
Total	1,388
Crew inspected	4,888
Persons quarantined for observation, suspects, and contacts	83
Persons vaccinated	15
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	131
Vessels remaining in quarantine from February	0
Vessels in quarantine	6
Infected vessels disinfected	6
Vessels remaining in quarantine March 31	1
Pieces of baggage disinfected	248
Cases of quarantinable diseases occurring on vessels:	
Cholera	6
Smallpox	1
Leprosy	1

PORT OF ILOILO.

Bills of health issued:	
To foreign ports	5
To domestic ports	43
Total	48

Vessels inspected:	
From foreign ports	5
From domestic ports	62
Total	67
Number of passengers on arriving boats inspected:	
Cabin	298
Steerage	701
Total	999
Crew of arriving boats inspected	2,111
Vessels in quarantine	0

PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—Vital statistics—Varioloid.

Assistant Surgeon King, chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, reports, May 6, as follows:

Vital statistics, city of San Juan, P. R., for April, 1903.

Whooping cough	1	Emphysema	1
Malarial fever	1	Gastro-enteritis	8
Septicæmia	1	Enterocolitis	8
Tetanus	4	Ulceration of stomach	1
Tubercle of lungs	11	Cirrhosis of liver	1
Tubercle of intestines	1	Jaundice	1
Burned	1	Nephritis, acute	3
Cancer	2	Bright's disease	3
Rickets	6	Fracture of base of skull	1
Anæmia	4	Death by accident (cause not given)	1
Meningitis	4	Total	81
Inflammation of brain	3		
Paralysis, progressive	1	APRIL, 1903.	
Laryngismus stridulus	1	Births	75
Heart disease	2	Deaths	81
Bronchitis:			
Chronic	1	APRIL, 1902.	
Capillary	4	Births	81
Pneumonia	3	Deaths	81
Broncho-pneumonia	2		

A few sporadic cases of varioloid are reported in San Juan, but the disease is of such an exceedingly mild type, and the cases so few in number, that the outbreak is not to be considered of importance from a quarantine standpoint.

The mortality reports from the subports are as follows: Mayaguez, 83; Arecibo, 86; Humacao, 33; Aguadilla, 40; Fajardo, 28; Arroyo, 7.

Report from Ponce.

Assistant Surgeon Goldberger reports, April 27, through the chief quarantine officer, as follows: For the week ended April 17, 26 deaths and 48 births were recorded by the board of health. Sanitary conditions unchanged.

*Inspection of immigrants at San Juan, Ponce, and subports.**Report of alien steerage passengers arriving at San Juan during the week ended May 2, 1903.*

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Apr. 27	Martin Saenz (Spanish)	Genoa, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, Alicante, Malaga, Cadiz, Tenerife, and Las Palmas.	2
27	Montserrat (Spanish)	Genoa, Barcelona, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Tenerife, Santa Cruz de la Palma.	55
28	Maria Herrera (Cuban)	Habana, Nuevitas, Porto Padre, Gibara, Porto Plata.	6
	Total		63